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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4358**
Tadamasa TOMA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0815A
Serial No. 10/580,468 : Group Art Unit 2621
Filed May 25, 2006 :
STREAM GENERATION APPARATUS, :
STREAM GENERATION METHOD, :
CODING APPARATUS, CODING METHOD, :
RECORDING MEDIUM AND :
PROGRAM THEREOF :

**THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application
as follows: